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IN VACATION.

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## WOES OF A WESTERN FARMER.

My horse went dead and my mule went lame,  
And I lost six cows in a poker game;  
Then a cyclone came on a summer's day,  
And swept the house where I lived away;  
And an earthquake came, when that was gone,  
And swallowed the land that my house was on;  
Then the tax collector he came around  
And charged me up with a hole in the ground.

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## THE WEST VIRGINIA COURT TAKES UP FOR THE WOMAN IN THE CASE.

In the case of *Clarions v. Clarions*, 50 W. Va. 117, the Court of Appeals of W. Va. shows where its sympathy lies by the following remark:

"The record showed that he wanted to get rid of her, assigning as a cause that she was bearing children too fast, when for this he was equally with her, perhaps more than she, responsible. He placed her in the *amphibious* position of being neither a single woman nor a married woman."

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## A GENTLEMAN OF VARIED INTERESTS.

The following unique letter-head has fallen into our hands:

"H. M. Bartlett, Attorney at Law, Practices in all Courts, Collections a Specialty, Notary, Depositions Taken, Estates Settled, Divorces Obtained, Damage Suits Our Specialty. Office Over Postoffice. Storage—We are prepared to store any and all kinds of goods. We have public and private storage rooms. The only exclusive warehouse in the city. Money Advanced on Storage if Desired. Try us. We Furnish Bail Bonds for Criminals, and all other kinds of Bonds, at Lowest Rates. Forms of all kinds on hand. Send for Us. Money to Loan On All Kinds of Security. Horses, Harness, Wagons, Household Goods, Etc. Commercial Paper Discounted. If You Want Money See Us. Property of all Kinds Bought and Sold. We will make you a cash offer on any thing you have to sell. We also handle property on commission. We rent property and collect rent and act as agents. Give Us a Call."

The above shows how much one man can do, if he only tries.

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## QUAERE: WHOSE HAT?

"It is embarrassing sometimes to pursue a direct line of questioning," said President Eliot, of Harvard, in telling about a recent visit to New York. He had just dined at a hotel in Fifth avenue, where the man who

takes care of the hats at the dining-room door is celebrated for his memory about the ownership of headgear.

"How do you know that is my hat?" the collegian asked as his silk tile was presented to him.

"I don't know it, suh," said the doorman.

"Then why do you give it to me?" insisted President Eliot.

"Because you gave it to me, suh," replied the darkey.—*Central Law Journal*.

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#### VESTED AND CONTINGENT REMAINDERS.

One of Assistant Attorney-General Beck's stories at the Hardwicke society dinner in England was especially appreciated by the students. A general in the civil war applied, at the close of the conflict, for admission to the bar of the United States. A committee of three examiners reported that he had answered correctly two-thirds of the questions put to him. A judge, astonished at the general's success, asked the chairman of the committee what the questions were. "Well," he replied, "the first was, 'What is the rule in Shelly's case?' and the answer was, 'Writing poetry.' That was not correct. Then we asked him what was a 'contingent remainder' and a 'vested interest,' and he said he did not know. That was correct, and we admitted him."—*Central Law Journal*.